



January 23, 2003

The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Street
12th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Attn: Regina LaBelle

Dear Mayor Nickels:

I am the President & CEO of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG). In this position I have had the pleasure of working with Gary Zarker for several years as we are both board members for the Large Public Power Council. We have jointly and successfully worked on many industry issues in this role and I look forward to working with Gary in the future.

Please consider this letter a full endorsement of Gary Zarker as you consider his reconfirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R P Johnston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert P. Johnston
President & CEO

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